

FORMER BANKER AND BANKING REGULATOR OPPOSES APPOINTED CITY COUNCIL MEMBER FOR POSITION #2

Diane Buckshnis, former banker and banking regulator, announced her candidacy for Edmonds City Council to a group of over 40 Edmonds residents, hosted by Brian and Betty Larman.

After the break-up of the Soviet Union, Buckshnis worked in Lithuania, with American and European consortiums and effectively assisted in rebuilding its regulatory and banking system. She also served as a federal bank regulator, including investigating and cleaning up the (Keating) Savings and Loan debacle. According to the Larman's "Diane's past experience in financial management, budgeting and government operations makes her the right person, at the right time to serve our community."

Buckshnis has a vision to build a stronger economic base for Edmonds. "I envision developing an economically viable waterfront and downtown area that brings tourism dollars to Edmonds." She continues "Edmonds needs to be a destination town, blending our historical charm with the lovely flower baskets and old time street lamps with art and community events and all the other unique amenities that Edmonds has to offer."

Buckshnis is opposed to taller buildings in Edmonds downtown, waterfront and retail districts that run counter to preserving and accenting our traditional atmosphere: thereby, potentially stifling economic development associated with local tourism. Her vision for the waterfront and downtown district will be one that represents the residential and business communities alike. She will ensure that our Building Codes are honored. "The downtown and waterfront districts need thoughtful development and I will work with businesses and the Port Commission on a variety of new commerce ideas."

Buckshnis supports responsible downtown development that respects Edmonds' traditionally open atmosphere, maintaining public views and pedestrian-friendly public gathering spaces. She supports a vibrant retail district and welcomes businesses such as Ace Hardware and PCC. "I also recognize that other Edmonds neighborhoods and business districts have distinct concerns that need attention from our City Government," Buckshnis said. "I will work tirelessly to find synergies between our residential and business communities that attract more retail and tourism to enhance our economic base."

Diane Buckshnis is deeply committed to the Edmonds Community. She was the "leader of the pack" in creating a non-profit corporation that stewards the dog park and has been instrumental in making it a huge success. Other volunteer groups that are currently working with our City to sustain the Edmonds community used this all-volunteer non-profit group, formed in 2005, as a template. Buckshnis has been a contributing member of Sustainable Edmonds and supports other environmental efforts such as the Edmonds Backyard Wildlife Community Certification Project, local park clean-ups and the Halloween Howl held at the local dog park. Additionally, for the past four years she has been one of the Directors of the Edmonds Arts Festival and pioneered its first bottle recycling program three years ago. She is an active advocate of Yost Pool, the South County Senior Center, the Edmonds-South Snohomish Historical Society and the Edmonds Floretum Garden Club. She supports all Edmonds' businesses and volunteers at the Fabric of Life downtown retail shop, and recently served on the Edmonds Citizen Levy Committee.

Buckshnis believes that reliable and accessible public health, sound regulations coupled with safety institutions are fundamental elements to every community. "I will strongly support our police, animal control, firefighters, paramedics and local public hospital because they are of prime importance to all of our citizens as well as sources of community pride." "I believe above all, *Community Interest Should Always Trump Special Interest!*" Diane Buckshnis and her husband Steve Tholl and their two dogs, Buddy and Buster, have made Edmonds their home for over eight years. She welcomes you to learn more about her views by visiting her website (www.diane buckshnis.com)

Dr. Richard Senderoff, a respected local activist who is also committed to realizing our community's potential, has stated: "Diane can be trusted to represent the entire community, respecting and maintaining Edmonds' traditions, with an eye towards a sustainable and fiscally responsible future." He will be hosting a Rock the Vote Backyard Bash on June 7, 2009, from 2:00 – 5:00 PM with music from Suzie and Ben Bradford from the Side Project and a picnic catered by Zeitoon Café Bistro partnered with Plush Catering. Everyone is invited to attend and contact him at richsend@comcast.net or 425-778-9746 for directions and more info.